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A MEMORIAL

RECOMMENDING A STUDY OF COSTS OF A THREE-TIERED SALARY
STRUCTURE FOR INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROVIDERS.

WHEREAS, instructional support providers, including
nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists, social
workers and counselors, are essential to children's learning in
New Mexico schools; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico schools must recruit and retain
qualified instructional support staff to cope more adequately
with the demands of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of
2001; and

WHEREAS, most of the instructional support providers,
including physical therapists, occupational therapists,
audiologists, diagnosticians, psychologists, social workers and
speech and language pathologists, are included in the state

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1 public school funding formula; and

2 WHEREAS, nurses and counselors are not included in the
3 public school funding formula; and

4 WHEREAS, instructional support providers generate revenue
5 through the public school funding formula and medicaid billing;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, teachers and other staff are on a three-tiered
8 salary structure;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
10 OF NEW MEXICO that the department of finance and
11 administration, the legislative education study committee and
12 the public education department be requested to study the cost
13 of creating a three-tiered salary structure for all
14 instructional support providers; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during that cost-study
16 process, those departments seek input from the various
17 instructional support provider associations; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost-study working
19 committee be composed of appointees of each of the departments
20 and report to the legislative education study committee and the
21 legislative finance committee by October 2007; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the legislative education study committee and
24 the legislative finance committee and the secretaries of public
25 education and finance and administration.

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